# ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE Draft MINUTES Wednesday, August 16, 2023

The Town of Orange Recycling Committee met in person at High Plains Community Center on Wednesday August 16, 2023. The Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM. Chair, Mitch Goldblatt presided.

**In Attendance**: Mitch Goldblatt, Wendy Novick, Ilene Moyher, Mark Moyher, Chris Prokop, Lora Wu, Susan Wineland and Patrick LeGault.

Public Input: None

**Minutes Approval:** Ilene Moyher made a motion and Chris Prokop seconded to approve the minutes of July 19, 2023. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**Financial Update:** We received our annual stipend of \$1,800 for the next fiscal year. We are still waiting to receive a bill from Tad to pay for his labor in fixing the Rack 'N Pak shed door for us.

## **ORANGE RECYCLING COMMITTEE ACCOUNT**

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Balance Forward	2022	\$1,161.57	
Vent Plastic Bags FastSigns – Signage/Transfer Stn	<b>2023</b> (\$335.32) (\$549.40)	\$826.25 \$276.85	2023 AUG 17
Affordable Solutions Rotary Club Reimbursement Orange Country Fair Booth Town of Orange	(\$600.00) \$600.00 (\$135.00) \$1,800.00	(\$323.15) \$276.85 \$141.85 \$1,941.85	PM 1:37

## **Residential Recycling Rates:**

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MONTH	2022	2023	DELTA	
January	74.06	72.54	-2.1%	
February	63.41	56.19	-11.4%	
March	68.55	65.23	-4.8%	
April	68.47	49.88	-27.2%	
May	72.94	72.78	-0.2%	
June	75.58	66.17	-12.5%	
July	70.71	62.33	-11.9%	
August	64.23			
September	74.96			
October	65.94			
November	76.12			
December	72.45			
YTD Total	493.72	445.12	-9.8%	

# Textile Recycling Rates – Simple Recycling

2023	Pounds	Rate	Paid	2022	Pounds	Rate	Paid
Jan	575	\$ 0.0575	\$ 33.06	Jan	761	\$ 0.0575	\$ 43.75
Feb	327	\$ 0.0575	\$ 18.80	Feb	578	\$ 0.0575	\$ 33.23
Mar	201	\$ 0.0575	\$ 11.56	Mar	293	\$ 0.0575	\$ 16.85
Apr	351	\$ 0.0575	\$ 20.18	Apr	302	\$ 0.0575	\$ 17.37
May	306	\$0.0575	\$17.60	May	759	\$ 0.0575	\$ 43.64
Jun	403	\$0.0575	\$23.17	Jun	640	\$ 0.0575	\$ 36.80
Jul	455	\$0.0575	\$26.16	Jul	456	\$ 0.0575	\$ 26.22
Aug				Aug	450	\$ 0.0575	\$ 25.88
Sep				Sep	635	\$ 0.0575	\$ 36.51
Oct			The second secon	Oct	397	\$ 0.0575	\$ 22.83
Nov				Nov	388	\$ 0.0575	\$ 22.31
Dec			The second secon	Dec	581	\$ 0.0575	\$ 33.41
Total	2618		\$ 150.53	Total	6240		\$ 358.79

## Old Business:

Haz Waste Central at Regional Water Authority: We will provide two Orange Recycling Committee members to volunteer on site at 90 Sargent Drive in New Haven from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

Saturday October 21, 2023 we still need volunteers.

**Next Shredding Day in October:** Saturday October 7, 2023 is our next Shredding Day. Unfortunately Bye-Bye Mattress is unable to attend the event, but the Orange Community Women and Buy Nothing Orange groups will be on-site. Mitch Golblatt will look to start advertising for this event.

Milford-Orange Times Articles: Susan Wineland has taken over writing the monthly recycling tips articles for the Milford-Orange Times from Loretta Smith until further notice.

### **New Business:**

Plastic Bags and Wrap Duty at the Transfer Station: The September schedule was collected by Mitch Goldblatt at our meeting and he will email it to all the committee members.

Orange Country Fair-September 16 and 17, 2023: Mark Moyher will send out a Google Sheet for recycling committee members to sign up to volunteer on Saturday and Sunday during fair hours. Mark Moyher made a motion to spend up to \$300 for our donut giveaway to children who participate in our recycling game at the recycling booth which was seconded by Lora Wu. It carried unanimously. Nadine Gilbert will be contacted to check the price and make sure they still want to partner on this.

Orange Recycling Committee Giveaways: Ilene Moyher came up with a 4x6 magnet design which was reviewed and some minor changes were suggested. The new design will be completed and approved within a week so they can be ordered in time for the Orange Country Fair. The cost to order 500 magnets is \$370 including shipping.

Plastics Website Suggestion from School Kids: Mitch Goldblatt was contacted by Ruth Platt, a teacher in Alabama whose elementary students were researching sustainability on the internet and landed on our Orange Recycling website. They were impressed by our content and asked if they could share a link with us on "How to Properly Recycle Plastic". Ilene Moyher reviewed the link and agreed it was an informative website so she added it to our homepage.

Orange Recycling Committee Annual Report 2022-2023: Mitch Goldblatt recently passed out the Annual Report for the committee members to review. Susan Wineland made a motion which was seconded by Chris Prokop to approve the report. It carried unanimously.

#### Other New Business:

Signage at the Transfer Station: Mitch Goldblatt was in the back of the Transfer Station dropping of recycling materials when he noticed the signs for the metal, building materials, and propane stations were missing. In addition, there are no cardboard only signs by those bins. Employees who were asked, did not know what might have become of them. We will need further discussion to determine if we are going to make and pay for new signs to replace the missing ones.

Next Scheduled Meeting: Wednesday, September 13, 2023

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM after a motion by Mark Moyher, seconded by Chris Prokop and
carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Moyher Secretary